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- U.S. Department of Energy officials confirmed that hackers breached 14 computer servers and 20 workstations at their Washington D.C. headquarters nearly 2 weeks ago, compromising several hundred individuals' personal information. – *Washington Free Beacon* (See item [20](#))
- Twitter reported February 1 that it had uncovered account compromises that may have affected 250,000 users. – *Wired.com* (See item [29](#))
- The Super Bowl was halted for 34 minutes because of a power outage February 3. – *Associated Press* (See item [32](#))

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Energy Sector

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Chemical Industry Sector

1. ***February 1, KPRC 2 Houston*** – (Texas) **3 sickened by chemical leak.** Three people were taken to the hospital as a precaution following exposure to a leak of pivaloyl chloride at the AkzoNobel plant in Harris County.

Source: <http://www.click2houston.com/news/3-sickened-by-chemical-leak/-/1735978/18370974/-/3k6yisz/-/index.html>

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Banking and Finance Sector

2. ***February 4, American Banker*** – (National) **Bank of America suffers website, mobile outages.** Bank of America experienced online banking service interruptions lasting for roughly 10 hours February 1, citing an internal systems issue as the cause of the service outage. Customers were alerted that their information remained safe despite a group claiming responsibility for the attacks.

Source: http://www.americanbanker.com/issues/178_23/b-of-a-sustains-website-

[mobile-outages-1056420-1.html](#)

3. ***February 4, Help Net Security*** – (Washington; International) **Dutch hacker imprisoned for trafficking 100,000 credit cards.** A Dutch national was sentenced in the U.S. for his part in a scheme where fraudulent credit cards were produced with information obtained from hacking into Seattle-area companies' systems and point-of-sale devices.
Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=14351>
4. ***February 2, Softpedia*** – (International) **\$140 PiceBOT botnet targets Latin American bank customers.** Kaspersky researchers identified a new botnet being sold on underground markets in the past month called PiceBOT that is targeting bank customers in Latin America.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/140-PiceBOT-Botnet-Targets-Latin-American-Bank-Customers-326158.shtml>
5. ***February 1, Associated Press*** – (California) **Folsom man pleads guilty in \$40M investment scam.** The president of Equity Investment Management and Trading Inc. pleaded guilty in Sacramento to a scheme that defrauded more than 300 investors of about \$40 million.
Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2013/02/01/5159158/folsom-man-pleads-guilty-in-40m.html>

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Transportation Sector

6. ***February 4, Fayetteville Observer*** – (North Carolina) **Bladenboro train derailment site cleanup begins.** A nine-car derailment in Bladenboro February 2 was caused when a trestle failed, according to an official. One car contained ammonia, which prompted an evacuation of nearby homes but was found not to have leaked.
Source: <http://www.fayobserver.com/articles/2013/02/04/1234825>.
7. ***February 3, Redlands Daily Facts*** – (California) **Eight killed, more than 20 injured when tour bus overturns near Yucaipa.** A tour bus crashed and overturned near Yucaipa February 3, killing 8 passengers and injuring 20 others. Both sides of Highway 38 were closed due to the crash and the closure continued into February 4.
Source: http://www.redlandsdailyfacts.com/news/ci_22512661/eight-killed-more-than-20-injured-when-tour-bus-overturns-near-yucaipa
8. ***February 3, Associated Press*** – (Massachusetts) **After visiting Harvard, dozens in Pa. high school group injured when bus hits overpass.** Thirty-five people were injured in Boston when a tour bus struck an overpass February 2.
Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/after-visiting-harvard-dozens-in-pa-high-school-group-injured-when-bus-hits-overpass/2013/02/03/21041cda-6e6e-11e2->

[b35a-0ee56f0518d2_story.html](#)

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Postal and Shipping Sector

9. *February 1, Indianapolis Star* – (Indiana) **Four high school students charged in Westfield mailbox blasts.** Four 18-year olds were each charged with five counts of using an overpressure device and criminal mischief in connection with a spree of mailbox bombings that occurred between January 17 – 19.
Source: <http://www.indystar.com/article/20130201/NEWS02/130201011/4-teen-charged-Westfield-mailbox-blasts>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

10. *February 2, Food Safety News* – (Pennsylvania) **Crab spread recalled for listeria risk.** A Pennsylvania-based supermarket chain which includes Giant and Martins voluntary recalled Gold Coast Crab Spread because it may be contaminated with Listeria monocytogenes. The product subject to the recall is sold in eight ounce containers marked with UPC 83355500325 and has an expiration date of January 31.
Source: http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/02/crab-spread-recalled-for-listeria-risk/#.UQ_45WerjwI
11. *February 2, Food Safety News* – (International) **More sprouts recalled in Pacific Northwest for listeria risk.** Sprouters Northwest expanded its recall of products that may be contaminated with Listeria monocytogenes, to include all sprouted seeds sold by the firm. The sprouted seeds were sold under the LifeForce and Sprouters Northwest brands in northwest U.S. and Canada.
Source: http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/02/pacific-northwest-sprout-grower-expands-listeria-recall/#.UQ_pUGerjwI
12. *February 2, KLTV-7 Lubbock* – (Texas) **Supermarket chain recalls steamed chicken products.** United Supermarkets voluntarily recalled 13 products containing steamed chicken due to a possible food safety issue related to undercooking. The products were available United Supermarkets, Mark Street, or Amigos stores in north and west Texas between January 28 and February 1.
Source: <http://www.kltv.com/story/20941798/supermarket-chain-recalls-steamed-chicken-products>

13. *January 30, Food and Drug Administration*— (Oregon; Washington). **Whole Foods Market is recalling four items made with Circle Sea Salmon Lox Trim sold in Oregon and Washington state store seafood departments due to possible Listeria Monocytogenes contamination.** Salmon lox trim products (cold smoked salmon lox trim, Bagel Half with Lox Cream Cheese w/Capers, Whole Bagel with Lox Cream Cheese with Capers and Gravlox Cream Cheese Spread) sold before January 29 were recalled by Whole Foods.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm337723.htm>

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Water Sector

14. *February 4, Columbus Dispatch* – (Ohio) **Tanker's lost diesel fuel threatening northeast Ohio reservoir.** A truck driver was cited for failure to control after his truck overturned and spilled more than 7,700 gallons of diesel fuel into a nearby stream.
Source: <http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2013/02/04/tankers-lost-diesel-fuel-threatening-reservoir.html>
15. *February 3, Montgomery Herald* – (North Carolina) **Second major water distribution problem occurs.** Montgomery County Water Plant suffered its second breakdown February 2 due to problems stemming from a ruptured line which jarred the pump. County residents were under a boil water advisory and asked to conserve water as repairs were set in place.
Source: http://www.montgomeryherald.com/news/article_95954fd0-6e17-11e2-bf6f-0019bb2963f4.html
16. *February 2, NY1 News* – (New York) **New York metro subway service returns to normal after water main break.** A pipe broke February 1 allowing 750 gallons of water per minute to flow into the subway station at 23rd Street, causing a loss of water pressure and heat to residents and disrupted subway service.
Source: http://www.ny1.com/content/top_stories/176384/manhattan-n--q--r-subway-service-returns-to-normal-after-water-main-break
17. *February 2, Cape Cod Times* – (Massachusetts) **Three private Eastham wells contaminated.** A contaminant known to cause cancer in humans and animals was found in three private wells in Eastham.
Source:
<http://www.capecodonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20130202/NEWS/302020333>
18. *February 2, Long Beach Press-Telegram* – (California) **Long Beach officials protect river after ammonia leak.** A leak in a 4,000 gallon diffuser tank filled with ammonia led to emergency officials working to protect a storm drain from the spill. Residents were told to stay indoors as a hazardous materials team fixed the leak about 3 hours later.
Source: http://www.presstelegram.com/breakingnews/ci_22505091/long-beach

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Government Facilities Sector

19. ***February 4, KJRH 2 Tulsa*** – (Oklahoma) **Police respond to ‘possible’ shots fired at Coweta Intermediate High School.** Coweta Intermediate High School and Coweta High School were placed on lockdown after police were dispatched to Coweta Intermediate High School when they received a report of shots being fired. Authorities are still investigating.
Source: http://www.kjrh.com/dpp/news/local_news/coweta/police-respond-to-shots-fired-at-coweta-intermediate-high-school
20. ***February 4, Washington Free Beacon*** – (National) **Energy Department networks hit by sophisticated cyber attack.** U.S. Department of Energy officials confirmed that hackers breached 14 computer servers and 20 workstations at their Washington D.C. headquarters nearly 2 weeks ago, compromising several hundred individuals’ personal information.
Source: <http://freebeacon.com/cyber-breach/>
21. ***February 4, Softpedia*** – (Alabama) **Anonymous hacks Alabama government site, posts details of 4,000 bankers.** The hacktivists affiliated with Anonymous leaked personal information from at least 4,000 individuals when they breached the Alabama Criminal Justice Information Center’s Web site and posted the information online.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Anonymous-Hacks-Alabama-Government-Site-Posts-Details-of-4-000-Bankers-326384.shtml>
22. ***February 1, WKMG 6 Orlando*** – (Florida) **Osteen Elementary students ingesting substance leads to hazmat situation.** Seven students from Osteen Elementary School became ill after they snorted an unknown powder they found on school grounds. Hazmat crews determined the substance was sugar.
Source: <http://www.clickorlando.com/news/Osteen-Elementary-students-ingesting-substance-leads-to-hazmat-situation/-/1637132/18373614/-/1xvkndz/-/index.html>
23. ***February 1, Associated Press*** – (California) **Calif high school fire injures 2 students.** A fire that started in a chemistry lab at Clovis North High School left one student with second-degree burns and another with minor injuries. All 3,000 students were allowed back in school once authorities cleared the scene.

Source: http://www.mynews4.com/news/story/Calif-high-school-lab-fire-injures-2-students/T_WNxAo8EGqjmMU61C6uQ.cspx

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Emergency Services Sector

24. *February 4, WDIV 4 Detroit* – (Michigan) **US Coast Guard offers \$3,500 to catch man who's made 20 plus fake 'mayday' calls from Michigan.** The U.S. Coast Guard turned to the public for help to catch an individual that has been making hoax distress calls since 2010, by offering them a monetary reward for assisting in his capture.
Source: <http://www.clickondetroit.com/news/US-Coast-Guard-offers-3-500-to-catch-man-who-s-made-20-plus-fake-mayday-calls-from-Michigan/-/1719418/18393460/-/v88pisz/-/index.html>
25. *February 3, Chicago Tribune* – (Illinois) **More 911 calls won't get in-person response.** Starting February 2, the Chicago Police Department will stop sending officers to crime scenes if there is no immediate and present danger, in hopes of shifting their resources to crime prevention and more serious crimes.
Source: http://articles.chicagotribune.com/2013-02-03/news/chi-more-911-calls-wont-get-inperson-response-starting-sunday-20130202_1_police-officer-crime-scene-officers

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Information Technology Sector

26. *February 4, Help Net Security* – (International) **The rise of mobile advertising malware toolkits.** Researchers at FortiGuard Labs published a report showing increased use of variants of the Android Plankton ad kit in both fraud and hacktivist campaigns.
Source: http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=2398
27. *February 1, Reuters* – (International) **Estonian pleads guilty in U.S. court to Internet advertising scam.** An Estonian national pleaded guilty in U.S. court for his involvement in a malware-based clickjacking scam that netted him and his co-conspirators \$14 million.
Source: http://newsandinsight.thomsonreuters.com/New_York/News/2013/02_-February/Estonian_pleads_guilty_in_U_S_court_to_Internet_advertising_scam/
28. *February 1, Softpedia* – (International) **“Poetry Group” hackers use Citadel to target government offices worldwide.** McAfee published a report on the use of the Citadel trojan by the “Poetry Group” cybercriminal team to collect information from various governments’ offices.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Poetry-Group-Hackers-Use-Citadel-to-Target-Government-Offices-Worldwide-326065.shtml>
29. *February 1, Wired.com* – (International) **Twitter hacked: Company says 250K users**

may have been affected. Twitter reported February 1 that it had uncovered account compromises that may have affected 250,000 users. Twitter reset passwords and revoked tokens for users believed to be affected.

Source: <http://www.wired.com/threatlevel/2013/02/twitter-hacked/>

30. ***February 1, ComputerWorld* – (International) Oracle releases Java patch update.**

Oracle released an ahead-of-schedule patch for Java SE to close 50 vulnerabilities, some of them critical.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9236469/Oracle_releases_Java_patch_update

Internet Alert Dashboard

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Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Web site: <https://www.it-isac.org>

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Communications Sector

31. ***February 3, Duluth News Tribune* – (Minnesota) Power outage knocks several Duluth TV, radio stations off air.** A two-hour power outage in the vicinity of Duluth's antenna farm left Minnesota Power customers without several television channels and radio stations while the company worked to restore service.

Source: <http://www.equities.com/news/headline-story?dt=2013-02-03&val=998793&cat=service>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

32. ***February 3, Associated Press* – (Louisiana) Super Bowl power outage: Lights go out at Superdome during Ravens-49ers Super Bowl.** The Super Bowl was halted for 34 minutes because of a power outage February 3. The cause of the outage which affected only part of the Superdome remains unknown.

Source: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/02/03/super-bowl-power-outage-superdome-ravens-49ers_n_2612757.html

33. ***February 1, Sioux City Journal* – (Iowa) Pipe break spills water into Ho-Chunk Centre.** An open door at the offices of the Ho-Chunk Centre led to a lobby sprinkler pipe freezing and bursting February 1 as water spread on the main floor and into the basement.

Source: http://siouxcityjournal.com/news/local/water-main-breaks-at-ho-chunk-centre/article_ac25431b-bde9-51d2-86c4-99f20c1030ea.html

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

34. *February 1, Associated Press* – (Michigan) **Detroit to close 50 parks, restrict work in others.** Detroit will reduce service to 38 parks and close 50 around the city. The 50 parks will remain open to the public, but they will not be mowed or provided trash pickup services at the city's expense.

Source: <http://www.timesunion.com/news/article/Detroit-to-close-50-parks-restrict-work-in-others-4243870.php>

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Dams Sector

35. *February 2, WHO-DT 13 Des Moines* – (Iowa) **Dam damage on thin ice.** The Iowa Department of Natural Resources is warning people to stay off Cedar Lake after a hydraulic hose broke on the lake's dam forcing open a gate and letting water spill out earlier the week of January 28.

Source: <http://whotv.com/2013/02/02/dam-damage-on-thin-ice/>

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